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SUBJECT: SWEDISH ROLE IN SUBCONTRACTING FOR F-104 REPLACEMENT

REF: (A) OSLO 4909; (B) STOCKHOLM 4883

1. WITH REFERENCE TO EMBASSY OSLO'S DISCUSSIONS WITH NORWEGIAN DEFENSE OFFICIALS RE SWEDISH EFFORTS FOR SUB-CONTRACTING ROLE IN STARFIGHTER REPLACEMENTS CONTRACT (REF A), I TRUST THAT THE DISCREET INQUIRIES MADE BY EMBASSY OFFICERS DID NOT IN ANY WAY DIVULGE SOURCE OF INFORMATION ON SWEDISH THINKING. THE TENOR OF MY CABLE (REF B) CLEARLY INDICATED THAT I TALKED WITH UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE THUNBORG WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE MATTER DISCUSSED WOULD REMAIN WITHIN CONFINES OF US GOVERNMENT. I HAD PASSED THIS INFORMATION ON TO EMBASSY OSLO AS WELL AS TO STATE AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENTS ON THE ASSUMPTION THE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN WOULD BE FULLY PROTECTED, AND FOR THIS REASON I CLASSIFIED CABLE SECRET. I HAD NOT ANTICIPATED THAT INQUIRIES WOULD BE MADE ON THE BASIS OF THIS INFORMATION, NOR, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, HAS THE DEPARTMENT REQUESTED ANY SUCH ACTION.

2. I AM CONCERNED THAT THERE NOT BE ANY DISCLOSURE OF SENSITIVE INFORMATION GIVEN TO ME IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE LEST SWEDISH POLITICAL AND MILITARY LEADERSHIP QUESTION

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OUR DISCRETION. LIFE WITH PALME AND THE SWEDISH LEADER-

SHIP IS NOT WITHOUT HAZARDS UNDER THE BEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES.
THEREFORE, I PARTICULARLY WISH TO AVOID ANY OCCURRENCE THAT
WOULD PUT IN DOUBT THE GOOD FAITH OF THIS MISSION.

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